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PROBLEMS FOR SOLUTION.

ALGEBRA.

202. Proposed by G. B.M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., Parsons, W. Va.

Express in the form of radicals the roots of the equation

$$x^9 + 9mx^7 + 27m^2x^5 + 30m^3x^3 + 9mx^4x + 2r = 0.$$

203. Proposed by L. E. NEWCOMB, Los Gatos, Cal.

The sum of a certain pair of roots of $x^4 + ax^3 + \left(\frac{2b}{a} + \frac{a^2}{4}\right)x^2 + bx + c = 0$ is equal to the sum of the remaining pair.

204. Proposed by F. P. MATZ, Sc. D., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Defiance College, Defiance, O.

If α, β, γ be the roots of the cubic equation $x^3 + qx + r = 0$, prove that $3\Sigma\alpha^2\Sigma\alpha^5 = 5\Sigma\alpha^3\Sigma\alpha^4$.

GEOMETRY.

229. Proposed by F. D. POSEY, A.B., San Mateo, Cal., and G. W. GREENWOOD, B.A. (Oxon), Lebanon, Ill.

The solutions of problem 219 in the April number, "devise a simple geometric solution of the general quadratic equation," give the roots when they are *real*. Required a construction for the roots when they are *complex*.

230. Proposed by SAUL EPSTEIN, Ph. D., The University of Chicago.

Cut off a given area S from a given triangle ABC by means of a line passing through a given point P , (i) when P is on a side of ABC , (ii) when P is within ABC ($S < \text{area } ABC$). [For the case P outside of ABC see problem 218].

231. Proposed by B. F. FINKEL, A. M., Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

A man starts from the vertex, A , of a right isosceles triangle ABC , right-angled at A , and walks to D , the middle point of BC ; from D to E , the middle point of AC ; from E to F , the middle point of AD ; from F to G , the middle point of DE ; from G to H , the middle point of EF ; from H to I , the middle point of FG ; from I to J , the middle point of HI ; and so on *ad infinitum*. Find the coördinates of his limiting position. [Suggested by Dr. Crawley].

232. Proposed by O. VEBLEN, Ph. D., The University of Chicago.

Given two parallel lines a_1, a_2 , and two points A_1, A_2 , upon a common perpendicular to a_1, a_2 such that A_1 is at the same distance from a_1 as A_2 is from a_2 . Let P_1 be the foot of the perpendicular from a point P of the same plane to the line a_1 and P_2 the foot of the perpendicular from P to a_2 . Find the locus of P when $\frac{PA_1}{PP_1} = \frac{PA_2}{PP_2}$.